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THRILLING FACTS ON THE BATTLE FRONTS.

BRITISH AIRMEN DO REMARK- ABLE STUNTS IN THE FIGHT- ING IN EUROPE.

The great victory won by the British over a front of 32 miles, mentioned in the NEWS last week, has been extended somewhat since that time, by very bitter and bloody fighting. The Germans rushed troops from other places to this front and resisted stubbornly, but have not yet entirely stopped the British. It is said to be the greatest victory yet achieved for the allies.

The tanks, the cavalry and the infantry played strong parts. The work of British airplanes during the present offensive forms a graphic chapter in itself. Despite the vile weather, which compelled them to operate within a few feet of the ground, they kept steadily at their task and rendered invaluable assistance both in reconnaissance and offensive operations.

There have been almost continual battles between German infantry and British airmen, flying as low as 30 feet above the ground. Never before has this kind of warfare been carried out on such a large scale. Pilots have attacked infantry and gun crews indiscriminately wherever they encountered them and have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy with bombs and machine guns.

The nature of the fighting can be seen from the experience of a British pilot whose machine was literally shot to pieces by rifle and machine-gun fire and who finally crashed down behind his own lines, with 10 bullet holes through his clothing, although he himself was unhurt.

Another young airman (Saturday) presented himself at headquarters after having been shot down for the third time within two days. He was delighted over his experience and immediately applied for another machine so that he might go out again.

One aviator attacked a column of German infantry marching in close formation and hurled two high-power bombs directly among them. The troops scattered and as the aviator whirled away he saw two heaps of dead about huge craters which the bombs had torn in the road. There were innumerable cases of airmen sky-bombing aerodromes, troop transports and gun crews. A large number of artillery crews have been obliterated either by machine-gun fire at close range or by bombs.

Naturally many of the airmen had narrow escape from death and some of course paid the full price and have gone to swell the toll of brave men who have given their lives for their King and country.

Among the halfbreath escapes reported is that of an aviator whose machine was torn to pieces while he was fighting German infantry with his machine gun. He was caught in the shell fire and all the wings of his machine were shot away.

Fortunately he was flying only 30 or 40 feet above the ground and close to his own lines. He crashed in No Man's Land and found himself unhurt. He immediately came under rifle and machine-gun fire, but he found a German rifle with some ammunition and engaged the enemy single-handed. As he fired he worked his way back until he reached one of his own patrols.

There is not much humor in fighting at this nature, but one incident occurred which is making the whole British air service laugh to-day.

One of the youngest British airmen was flying at a low altitude, when four enemy machine-guns opened on him. He swooped down and shot three of his opponents as he swept by. The fourth machine gun kept firing and the aviator, in a split of second, he leaped over the side of his car and wriggled his fingers in joyous derision at the Germans. Just as he was in the midst of this interesting performance his opponent put a bullet squarely through the palm of the aviator's right hand.

The aviator presented himself at a dressing station and when queried admitted the truth with crestfallen face. His consolation for his wound was tears of laughter and advice to be more polite to a Boche in the future.

SIX QUESTIONS. The Dixie Highway.

Are the roads in your county a credit to you or are you ashamed of them? Are the roads in your county wide enough for the convenient passage of cars?

Are the roads in your county marked so that the tourists from distant states have no difficulty keeping to the right road?

Are the roads in your county all-year-round roads, or only good weather roads?

Are the roads in your county good enough for the transportation of military troops, with the accompanying supply, ammunition and engineer trains? You can never tell when your roads will be needed for this very service. Military trucks are noisy.

M. E. CHURCH BAZAAR.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold their Christmas bazaar December 14 and 15.

J. W. Bentley of Yatesville, Malcolm Shaver of R. 2, Louisa, Wm. Clarke of Louisa and G. W. Owens of R. 2, Louisa and J. H. McClure of Gallipoli had business in the NEWS office this week.

KNOTT COUNTY LAND ESCHEATED TO STATE

27,000 acres of land in Knott-co. had been escheated to the State through a decision by Judge A. T. Patrick, of Knott-co. in the case of the Danbury National Bank, City National Bank, Savings Bank of Danbury and Thomas C. Millard, all of Danbury, Conn. The lands were escheated to the State under the law that no corporation can hold or own real estate in the State unless necessary to the conduct of its business longer than five years under penalty of escheat.

Millard bought the lands in 1902 under his own name, but the court decided that he was holding them as trustee of the banks. A similar suit decided in August by Judge John C. Eversole of Perry-co. escheated 25,100 acres in Perry-co. The lands are valued at over \$1,000,000.

LAWRENCE COUNTY RED CROSS.

We are growing. We have 275 members. Three auxiliaries are organized. Walbridge, Green Valley and Gallipoli. Much knitting is being done and work has begun on hospital garments, with a good supply of material on hand. 24 pounds more yarn will be on hand soon. The auxiliaries will want a large part of this yarn.

Out of town people are cordially invited to call at the Red Cross room. Members of auxiliaries can get instructions regarding the work to be done.

Green Valley has the honor of starting the first School Auxiliary in the county, as a result of the hearty interest taken by the teacher Isaac Cunningham, and Miss Marie Roberts, the secretary of the auxiliary.

The Lake Division News, for members of the Executive Committee can be had each week at the Louisa headquarters. The secretary is arranging files for material belonging to each officer and committee chairman.

Rev. W. A. Gaugh, the Campaign Manager for the Christmas Membership Drive, is making his plans. Bro. Gaugh will get you if you don't join soon.

V. B. SHORTRIDGE THANKS HIS FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

To the voters of the 32nd Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Boyd, Elliott, Lawrence and Greenup: I take this method of thanking the people for the kind treatment I received while traveling over the district. I made many acquaintances and found lots of friends of whom I feel proud.

I still say that I stand for the best interests of the county. I know I made a clean fight, and while I am not a politician, I am not discouraged. When I think of the class of men who stood by me on account of the principles I advocated, regardless of politics, I am prompted to say, "Men and brethren, let us stand together." If there ever was a time when the people were called on to be right it is now.

It will require our united efforts to remove from our country that awful curse known as intoxicating drinks. There is no question in my mind that liquor is the greatest curse the human family has to deal with. I am still in favor of the people getting a vote on liquor in 1918 in the form of a bone dry amendment to the constitution.

I still believe the State ought to furnish the school books, for the State can publish the books much cheaper than they are being bought, by using labor in the State prisons. Then put a library in every common school district in the State and make the district responsible for it. When a pupil leaves a grade the books must be turned in for use by others and in turn get a supply for the other grade. There are many children out of school because their parents are not able to get books.

Now come out boys and let's help make the nation dry, defend the right and fight the wrong. "Equal rights to all" will be our cry.

Very respectfully,
V. B. SHORTRIDGE.

CARPENTER FALLS TO DEATH.

Ashland, Ky., Nov. 22.—Thomas Puller, a carpenter at Music, Carter, while shingling a roof, slipped and fell to the ground. He received injuries which caused his death a few hours later.

WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS OF NEWS.

Bert Lovins of Chattoaugy, 35 years old, a coal miner, was found dead a few days ago on the N. & W. railroad near Thacker. He had been struck by a freight train.

Miss Louise Swartz, who was commercial teacher in the Ceredo-Kenova High School, tendered her resignation to the Board of Education and the board accepted it. For some time it was said Miss Swartz was showing the pupils literature that was pro-German and used from a socialist literature, as typewriter practice for her pupils. It was charged that she lost no opportunity to express her anti-American socialist views.

Miss Swartz has left for her home in Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Elam of Iron-ton will take her place.

Complaints from parents were coming in in increasing numbers against the spreading of these ideas among their children.

K. L. West, W. Smith and Phil Smith, of Canada, Pike-co., enlisted in the regular army at Huntington Monday.

The contract has been let for the drilling of four wells in Greenup-co., near Tygart creek.

WELL MAY MAKE FIFTEEN BARRELS A DAY.

EXCELLENT BEREA OIL WELL, DRILLED ON F. R. BUS- SEY FARM.

A well estimated at four to five barrels natural, good for 10 to 15 after being shot, has been completed on the lands of F. R. Bussey at Burseville, six miles southwest of Louisa. It is one of the best in the field. Another well on the same farm will be started Monday.

The well on Laff Hays' farm at Charley has been shot and promises a nice production.

The well at Ulysses on A. J. Austin's farm has been drilled into the Clinton sand, but at last reports without good results.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

W. T. Daugherty, Adams Express company route agent for the Ashland, Cincinnati and Big Sandy divisions, who was stricken with paralysis while in his office Friday, was reported as improving today. Both of Mr. Daugherty's sides are affected by the stroke as is also his tongue and throat. His condition is serious but it is believed that he will recover.—Independent.

KANSAS HIGHWAYS.

Good roads is a relative expression. There are men who think a jumper and a pair of overalls are good enough for their wedding day. It's not a real good road unless it will take you where you want to go at any time in the day or night, rain or shine, summer or winter.

If it rains you to use the binder instead of the cradle, it will pay you to be able to haul to market twice as much, twice as often as you have been able to in the past.

Keep the boy on the farm by making your roads so he can get to town in a short time.

There are enough bumps in life without having them in the middle of the road.

Just as well be out of the world as at the end of an impassable road.

Always remember that you can't have anything worth while without taxes. Even your thoughts can't travel without taxing your brain.

You don't care to build roads for the tourist. Neither does your rich neighbor want to pay taxes to educate your children.

Bridging difficulties is one of the tasks of the road maker.

A rocky road isn't hard to travel if the rocks have learned to know their place.

You talk about the value of your farm because it is near a good community center with schools and churches. But the value is off one-third if the weather and road conditions keep you away from them one-third of the time.

KILLED BY FALLING SLATE.

The death of Bert McClelland in an Iron-ton hospital reveals an unusually pathetic story of a fated family. The death of Bert McClelland is the fourth violent death to occur in the McClelland family lately, and the father of the four boys is himself in a critical condition in an Iron-ton hospital.

The family, whose place of residence was formerly in Lawrence-co., Ohio, for several years resided principally at Van Lear, in the East Kentucky coal fields. It was while at work in the mines there that Bert McClelland, who died yesterday morning had his head crushed by falling slate. Two years ago Will McClelland, an elder brother, was killed in the mines at Van Lear, and still more recently Isaac McClelland, another brother, was killed in the same mines. Another brother, making the fourth was killed in an accident at Newcastles a few years ago.

A wife and six children survive.

TWIN BRANCH.

Smith Jobe, who has been sick for a few days, is slowly improving.

Mrs. J. H. Jobe is able to be out again.

Church at Lower Twins was largely attended Sunday.

Ira Adams has returned home.

Willie Hughes and Hattie Jobe were out riding Sunday.

Dennie Jobe and Janie Berry passed down Twin Branch Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Carter of Irad was the pleasant guest of Mrs. Annie Jobe last week.

Cecil Adams, Birdie Jobe and Gypsie Adams attended church at Lower Twins Sunday.

Ella and Ivory Jobe were out riding Sunday.

Lula Chaffin was shopping at C. Jobe's Monday.

Roy Hayes was on Twins Saturday.

Paul Burton has returned to his home from Pennsylvania where he has been employed for some time.

Eva Carter was the guest of Birdie Jobe last week.

Mrs. Genoa Hays spent one day last week with Annie Jobe.

Cecil Adams spent Sunday with Birdie Jobe.

Lee Diamond returned home recently.

Willie Kouns was at Smith Jobe's Monday.

Nelly Jobe was here Monday on business.

John Nuchas was a business caller at Louisa Monday.

Alma, Lizzie and Martha Kitchen were at Lower Twins Sunday.

Bascom Quern was here recently collecting taxes.

Fur traders are all the go here. They pay high for fur and get lots of it.

Remember there will be church here the 4th Sunday in each month. Come and hear the sermons. BABY DOLL.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING IN CATLETTSBURG

The M. E. Church South Catlettsburg, was the scene at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, November 21 of a brilliant event when two charming daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Flannery were united in marriage to Mr. D. M. H. Werton of Catlettsburg, and Mr. Leslie Parker of Wyoming. The church decorations were of unusual beauty. Palms, amylax and ferns were used, the amylax being gracefully draped over the white covering of the chancel rail. Tall wicker baskets of pink chrysanthemums were at either end of the rail and cathedral candelabra holding burning tapers added solemnity to the scene.

Mrs. Joseph Spears sang, with Miss Aurora Leedom of Huntington, presiding at the pipe organ. "Eloved It Is Dawn" after which Mrs. Ernest Mees and Mrs. Spears rendered the bridal chorus from Lohengrin. First came the page, Master Elliott Flannery and James Burns, in white satin suits. They opened the gates of ribbon to let the bride party enter. First were Mr. Jno. L. Smith and Mr. Paul Eastham. Next came two of the pretty bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Rha of Ashland and Miss Vera Ross of Pontiac, Ill. Mr. Joseph M. Spears and Mrs. Jas. Dee followed and then the other two pretty bridesmaids, Miss Josephine Harkins of Prestonburg, and Miss Marie Yost of Catlettsburg entered.

The maid's all were groomed in pink tulle over silver and their flower girls wore cascade bouquets of pink chrysanthemums. Mrs. Jas. Dee in a lovely gown of pink satin with silver bodice, was matron of honor. Her bouquet was Killarney roses. The pretty maid of honor, Miss Dewey Flannery, youngest sister of the brides was attractive in a dainty gown of pink tulle over silver cloth and carried violets. She was followed by little Miss Helen Lee Brown in white tulle and lace with wings of pink scattering rose petals as she came down the aisle in front of the brides. They entered with their fathers, Mr. W. H. Flannery, and were joined at the altar by Mr. Howerton and Mr. Barker with their best men, Mr. Floyd Larwell of Owensboro and Mr. Marion Wheeler of Casper, Wyoming. The impressive double ring ceremony was read by Rev. A. P. Keyser pastor of the M. E. Church South, followed by prayer by Rev. C. A. Slaughter of Ashland.

The brides, Miss Meigs, fair and lovely, and Miss Dawn, dark and stately wore handsome models of satin and tulle embroidered with pearls with veils of net held by orange blossoms. Each carried a shower bouquet of orchids and valley lilies. Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flannery, which several hundred friends attended. The home was artistically arranged and decorated for the important occasion.

Mr. Howerton is one of eastern Kentucky's best known young men being prominent in political matters and prosecuting attorney of Boyd county. Mr. Parker is a prominent mining engineer from Canada, but has spent a number of years in Colorado and Wyoming, where he has extensive interests. After a wedding journey to points in the east and south, Mr. and Mrs. Parker will be at home in Denver, Col., and Casper, Wyoming while Mr. and Mrs. Howerton will reside in Frankfort, Mr. Howerton being assistant attorney general of Kentucky.

While in Atlanta visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Adams spent some time with Col. W. O. Johnson, whose name our readers will readily recognize as that of the oldest son of Mrs. Zam Johnson of Louisa. He was recently promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel. He has charge of affairs at Fort Oglethorpe near Atlanta.

COL. W. O. JOHNSON

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COMMISSION TO KENTUCKIANS.

Frank M. Crum of Inez, was awarded a commission as Second Lieutenant Field Artillery, Officers Reserve Corps. Kit C. Elwick of Etowah also received a commission as Second Lieutenant.

John F. Hager, of Ashland received commission as Second Lieutenant, Infantry, O. R. C.

PREACHING AT FALLSBURG.

On this coming Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night Rev. L. M. Copley will preach in Fallsburg. All are cordially invited to attend.

Will Take Post Graduate Course.

Dr. O. K. Bond and family will spend the winter in Cincinnati or Chicago where he will take special work after which he will locate in the South in all probability. His brother, Dr. A. C. Bond of Ashland will also specialize, the two going together.

Ran Nail Into Foot.

Mrs. Isaiah Cline had the misfortune to run a nail into her foot and suffered very much for a time, but is now resting easily.

NOTICE—BRIDGE LETTING.

The County Judge of Lawrence-co., Kentucky, will receive sealed bids up to 10 a. m. on December 10, 1917 for the erection of a steel bridge across the Shannon Branch on the Lewis Fork of Big Sandy river. Said span is 90 ft. long and 16 ft. roadway, pin connected high truss, 310 cu. yds second class masonry, 20 cu. yds concrete, approximately. Plans on file at the office of County Judge. Also, plans and specifications on file in the office of the Commission of Public Roads at Frankfort, Ky. The County Judge reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. B. CLAYTON, Judge.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Union Thanksgiving services for Louisa were held in the M. E. Church South, Rev. Bostwick of the M. E. Church, preaching. The other pastors took part in the services.

BIG FIRE RAGING IN SLACK COAL.

WEEKSBURY, FLOYD COUNTY, THE SCENE OF THE CON- FLAGRATION.

Eight thousand tons of slack coal belonging to the Elkhorn Coal company at Weeksbury, Floyd-co., are on fire according to word received here. Spontaneous combustion is given as the cause of the fire. The financial loss now is \$20,000. Ninety thousand tons of coal are in danger of being consumed by the flames.

The company has been mining and storing a large amount of coal ready for shipment when the new B. & O. railroad line is completed to Weeksbury which will be about February 1.

M. E. CHURCH.

The men of the Methodist Episcopal church have raised a cash subscription of \$1900 for repair of the church building in the way of a new roof and remodeled belfry, new floor, new seats paper for the walls and other improvements. Work on the building will start within a week. The plans are such that the improvements can be extended later. The plans will be stated in detail next Sunday morning.

There will be no preaching in this church next Sunday evening as the pastor will be out of town. The congregation is requested to attend the meeting at the Baptist church. The Sunday morning subject will be: "Prayer as Dominant Desire."

BOY SHOT IN HEAD DIES ON WAY TO HOSPITAL.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 22.—Thomas Honaker, 8 years old, died on a Chesapeake & Ohio train while being brought to a hospital in this city from his home at Morehead, where he was accidentally shot through the brain. The boy was standing near some men who were killing hogs when in emptying a rifle, a cartridge exploded. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Honaker, formerly of Bath-co.

REQUISITION IS HONORED.

A requisition for the extradition from Wayland, Ky., of John Pezaroost, charged with manufacturing whiskey in Campbell-co., Tennessee, was honored by Governor Stanley.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Young People's Missionary Society met Saturday afternoon with Miss Julia Snyder.

On Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, met at the home of Mrs. T. W. Shank. Also, the weekly sewing was held there after the Missionary meeting.

RED CROSS SUPPER.

The Red Cross oyster supper at the M. E. Church South last Friday evening was a successful affair. The amount realized above expenses was \$36.

OLD FASHIONED DANCE.

The Huntington Herald-Dispatch says:—One of the most entertaining and unusual events of local interest in the dance to be given Friday in Kenova where nothing but the old-fashioned dancing figures of the past generation will be in vogue. Many from this city will attend and the event of the prominence of the master of ceremonies, former Congressman James A. Hughes, who will "call the figures." The receipts from the evening will be turned over to the Red Cross chapter of Kenova.

WAYNE, WEST VA.

Georgia, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bailey of Toms creek underwent an operation at the Mount Hope hospital in Huntington last week for enlarged tonsils. The little girl is at home now and improving.

Scarlet fever has again made its appearance in Wayne. Two cases having been discovered in the homes of D. B. Hardwick and Dock Bowen.

The council of the town held a session Sunday night and directed the Board of Health of the town to close the schools and also ordered the homes where the disease was found to be quarantined.—News.

WEBBVILLE.

Mrs. L. J. Webb, Sr. spent the weekend with friends in Ashland going to Camp Sherman on Sunday to visit her son.

Sam Shepherd and family are visiting relatives in Huntington.

Smith & Son have bought out the store formerly run by Sam Shepherd.

Mrs. B. H. Vaughan is here from New York. She will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter at Blaine till after the holidays.

The school is preparing for an entertainment Christmas.

Mrs. W. I. Webb has returned from a visit in Ashland and Louisa.

Mr. F. V. Cole has returned to Louisa and probably will take charge of the Louisa Inn. He formerly was proprietor of the Hotel Savoy.

The fourteen months old child of a brother of Dr. C. B. Walters of this city, was buried to death last week at the home of the parents near Ashland.